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PEAT INDUSTRY INTRODUCES NEW MACHINERY
IN PREPARATION FOR 1950 SEASON

BELORUSSIA INCREASES LABOR MECHANIZATION -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 61,
 24 Mar 50

The Ministry of Local Fuel Industry Belorussian SSR has reported that considerably more peat will be extracted during the 1950 season than in 1949. Mechanization of labor processes is on the increase. Dozens of dredge elevators, machines for gathering milled peat, are being introduced this season. Six machines are already in operation in the "Mikhanovichi" Peat Enterprise and four machines are in operation in the "Belitskoye" Peat Enterprise, Gomel' Oblast.

Sovetskaya Belorussiya -- No 12, 17 Jan 50

Peat extraction in the enterprises of the local fuel industry of the Belorussian SSR has become 2.5 times as great during the postwar Five-Year Plan as it had been prior to that period. Mechanization of peat extraction has been almost doubled as compared with 1946 and the productivity of every scraper and hydroelevator has increased 50 percent.

In 1947 five peat-briquetting plants were put into operation.

With the introduction of highly productive dredges and milling machines, labor requirements have been reduced to from one-half to one-third of what they previously were.

PEAT ENTERPRISES SPEED LOADING -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 282, 1 Dec 49

Irinovka peat workers, Lengostorf (Leningrad State Peat Trust), are aiming at a most efficient utilization of machinery and installations. Reconstruction of the PK-2 loading crane has been carried on. It will now be used not only for loading peat but for digging trenches and loading ballast.

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KhTZ tractors are equipped with caterpillar tread, which lengthens their period of usefulness during the season from 2 to 5 months.

Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 50, 26 Feb 50

"Tootsi" Peat workers are the first in the USSR to electrify the transport of peat. The electric railroad line was put into operation on 1 January 1949. The "Tootsi" enterprise is 100-percent mechanized and its peat is the cheapest in the USSR.

ENGINEERS DESIGN NEW MACHINERY -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 5, 7 Jan 50

The Ivanovo Peat Machinery Plant manufactured the first "Temp" peat-extracting machine, designed by Shalygin, Plant engineer, and Rozenplenter, designer of the Leningrad Scientific Research Institute of the Peat Industry. This new machine picks up 150-160 cubic meters of open peat layers per hour and grinds it into coarse powder which is afterwards pressed by machine into pieces ready for drying.

Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 61, 24 Mar 50

A group of Estonian engineers under the direction of A. K. Freyberg have designed machines for cutting, gathering, and briquetting of milled peat. As a result of the adoption of the new machines, complete mechanization of peat cutting has been achieved and labor productivity has increased more than 60 percent.

RECEIVE NEW EQUIPMENT -- Trud, No 72, 25 Mar 50

Peat enterprises of the Ministry of Light Industry USSR have completed preparations for the coming peat season. They have received new highly productive equipment -- dredge elevators for cutting lump peat, machines for gathering milled peat, powerful excavators for bog development work, and tractor loaders. Many enterprises have been completely electrified.

During the winter, considerable work was carried on in training, young technical personnel and other workers and improving their qualifications. More than 1,200 persons have completed the training.

BRIQUETTING PLANTS UP OUTPUT -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 283, 2 Dec 49

The construction of a peat-briquetting plant has been completed in the Dulevskiy Peat Enterprise of the Ministry of Local Fuel. The plant will be able to supply 10,000 tons of peat briquettes /per year/ by mechanized methods for the local population.

Leningradskaya Pravda, No 281, 30 Nov 49

The assembly of new presses has begun in the Yanino Peat-Briquetting Plant. The new presses will have an output of not less than 1,000 kilograms per hour, while the former presses had an output of only 400 kilograms.

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